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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV SHUM CI  
SUBJECT: LETELIER/MOFFITT ASSASSINATION

1. THE GOC ISSUED ITS OWN STATEMENT JULY 3 AT 1340 HOURS  
ON AMBASSADOR LANDAU'S TRIP TO WASHINGTON AND THE STATUS  
OF US/CHILEAN COOPERATION ON THE LETELIER CASE. INFORMAL  
TRANSLATION OF TEXT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES IN CHILE, MR.  
LANDAU, RETURNED YESTERDAY TO SANTIAGO AFTER A WEEK'S  
CONSULTATION IN WASHINGTON. IN THIS REGARD, THE MINISTRY  
OF FOREIGN RELATIONS CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO POINT OUT  
THE FOLLOWING:

1. JUST AS THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS SAID FROM THE  
BEGINNING, THE TRIP OF AMBASSADOR LANDAU SHOULD BE USE-  
FUL, SINCE IN HIS DISCUSSIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
HE COULD EXPLAIN PERSONALLY THE PRESENT STATUS OF OUR  
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BILATERAL RELATIONS.

2. AS A PRESS RELEASE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
HAS ALSO INDICATED, THE DISCUSSIONS OF AMBASSADOR LANDAU  
IN WASHINGTON HAVE PERMITTED THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF MUTUAL  
COOPERATION IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE LETELIER CASE.  
IT HAS BEEN MADE CLEAR ALSO THAT THE MEANING OF THIS

MUTUAL COOPERATION IS WITH RESPECT TO THE LEGAL ASPECTS.

3. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS THUS BEEN ABLE TO RE-AFFIRM THAT, HAVING REJECTED DEMANDS THAT IT JUDGED IMPROPER, THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE -- WITH THE NECESSARY SAFEGUARDS FOR OUR LEGAL AND SOVEREIGN PROCEDURES -- REMAINS UNALTERED. IT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE ALSO TO DEMONSTRATE THAT IT IS THE WILL OF THE UNITED STATES TO ACT WITH RECIPROCITY IN THIS AREA.

4. FINALLY, IT EMPHASIZES THAT AMBASSADOR LANDAU'S RETURN FOR CONSULTATION ALSO HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE TO CLARIFY OTHER MATTERS THAT LENT THEMSELVES TO AMBIGUOUS SITUATIONS, IN PARTICULAR THOSE THAT COME UNDER THE HEADING OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

END QUOTE.

2. COMMENT: FOREIGN MINISTER CUBILLOS CALLED TO TELL ME THAT THIS STATEMENT WAS ISSUED FOR INTERNAL CONSUMPTION PURPOSES. HE SAID THAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY WERE AFRAID THAT CHILE HAD AGREED TO HAND OVER MILITARY OR OTHER PERSONNEL. THIS STATEMENT IS TO REASSURE THEM. HE ALSO TOLD ME THAT THE GOC IS READY FOR THE ARRIVAL OF LEGATT CLEGG AND THAT ITURRIAGA HAS BEEN INFORMED AND IS PREPARED TO TALK. CLEGG ARRIVES FROM BUENOS AIRES THE  
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EVENING OF JULY 4 AND WILL BE PICKED UP FOR MEETING WITH ITURRIAGA AT 0830 JULY 5. I EXPECT HIM TO RETURN TO BUENOS AIRES LATER THAT DAY, AFTER HE COMPLETED HIS INTERROGATION.  
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